

C² alkylsulfonyloxy groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, piperidyloxy group, iminoalkylpiperidyloxy groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpiperidyloxy groups having 7 to 14 carbon atoms, piperidylalkyl groups having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, iminoalkylpiperidylalkyl groups having 7 to 11 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpiperidylalkyl groups having 8 to 15 carbon atoms, pyrrolidinyloxy group, iminoalkylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 5 to 9 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 7 to 13 carbon atoms, amidino group, mono- or dialkylamidino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, hydroxyl group, halogeno groups, indolyl group and alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms. In formula (2), X and W may be bonded together to form a ring and, in this case, -W-X- represents ethylene group, trimethylene group or tetramethylene group.

Page 5, beginning at line 4, please replace the paragraph as follows:

C³ When L is an organic group of any of formulae (2) to (4), V₁ represents hydrogen atom, benzoyl, benzenesulfonyl, 2-naphthalenesulfonyl, piperazinecarbonyl, cinnamoyl, piperidinecarbonyl, 4-methylthiazole-5-carbonyl, phenylacetyl, phenylthiocarbonyl or benzimidoyl group which may have a substituent(s) or an alkanesulfonyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent(s). When L is an organic group of formula (5), V₁ represents an aryl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent(s).

Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6, please replace as follows:

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NE When L is an organic group of any of formulae (2) to (5) and V₁ has a substituent(s), the substituent(s) is (are) is selected from among carboxyl group, alkoxycarbonyl groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, carbamoyl group, mono- or dialkylcarbamoyl groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, amidino group, mono- or dialkylamidino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, acyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, halogeno groups, amino group, mono- or dialkylamino groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 4 to 6 carbon

atoms, alkoxycarbonylamino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, aminoalkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, mono- or dialkylaminoalkyl groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, N-alkyl-N-alkoxycarbonylaminoalkyl groups having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, piperidyloxy group, C⁴ iminoalkylpiperidyloxy groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpiperidyloxy NE groups having 8 to 14 carbon atoms, pyrrolidinyloxy group, iminoalkylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 5 to 9 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 7 to 13 group having a substituent(s). When L is an organic group of formula (5), V₂ represents an aryl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent(s).

Page 13, beginning at line 9, please replace the paragraph as follows:

W is preferably hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms. W is particularly preferably hydrogen atom. X is preferably hydrogen atom, a carboxyalkyl group C⁵ having 2 or 3 carbon atoms or an alkoxycarbonylalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms. W is particularly preferably hydrogen atom, carboxymethyl group or ethoxycarbonylmethyl group. X is preferably hydrogen atom, carboxyl group, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent(s), or benzyl group which may have a substituent(s). X is particularly preferably hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having one carbon atom and a substituent.

Paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14, please replace as follows:

V₁ is preferably benzoyl group which may have a substituent(s), piperidinecarbonyl C⁶ group which may have a substituent(s) or pyridinecarbonyl group which may have a substituent(s). V₁ is more preferably benzoyl group having a substituent(s) or piperidinecarbonyl group having a substituent(s).

Page 16, beginning at line 8, please replace the paragraph as follows: